

CONVICTED IN SIDING SCANDAL!

Some Firms Hike Auto Insurance

Biggest Companies Not Boosting Rates

Auto insurance increases of about \$9 are effective for some companies insuring motorists in the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph area.

The companies involved are affiliated with the National Bureau of Casualty Underwriters or the National Automobile Underwriters association or both. They represent 188 companies writing about 20 per cent of auto insurance coverage in the state.

Michigan's top auto insurers — the Automobile Club of Michigan, State Farm and All-

state — are not affiliates. The increases are effective today on all new policies and existing policies when they are renewed with affiliated companies.

In the Benton Harbor - St. Joseph area, the hikes amount to \$7 in "basic liability" covering injury payments to \$20,000 and \$5,000 property damage liability; and a \$4 increase for collision insurance with \$100 deductible. There is a \$2 reduction on comprehensive for theft, glass breakage, fire and natural perils.

LOCAL AREA

Included in the area are the Twin Cities; the townships of Benton, St. Joseph, Coloma, Hagar, Lincoln and Royalton; Coloma city, and Shoreham and Stevensville villages.

The rate adjustments have been approved by State Insurance Commissioner David J. Dykhouse.

The Automobile Club of Michigan announced it sees "no probability for a rate increase" in 1967 by its Detroit Automobile Inter-Insurance Exchange, the state's No. 1 insurer with 640,000 policies in force.

The auto club's agency has advanced its rates an average of 14 per cent since September, 1965, and reported Tuesday that "this year we will show our first underwriting profit in 10 years." The last policy increase was in March of this year.

A spokesman for Allstate said that to his knowledge "we are not asking for a rate increase in 1967." State farm reported "our experience so far this year has been very encouraging," and a spokesman added he saw no likelihood of a rate increase.

ELSEWHERE IN STATE

The boost in collision insurance for companies affiliated with the National Bureau of Casualty Underwriters and the National Automobile Underwriters ranged from \$10 in Pontiac and \$9 in Detroit for collision, with \$100 deductible, to lesser amounts in outstate and rural areas.

Dykhouse said the filing for rate increase is the only one of major impact received by the state so far. "We think the increase is certainly justified in terms of general economic experience and the companies' actual experience."

The commissioner said companies writing auto insurance in Michigan had an aggregate loss of \$21 million in 1965.

The new rates also boost liability coverage on commercial vehicles by 14 per cent and hiked collision and comprehensive 6.9 per cent.

Make reservations for New Year's at Blossom Lanes. Adv.

Negotiations Start Friday On Block 4

Chicago Developer Coming To St. Joe

Negotiations on a contract to redevelop St. Joseph's urban renewal Block 4 are to start at 1:30 p.m. Friday, City Manager Leland L. Hill reported this morning.

Redeveloper Andrew S. Olipra of Franklin Park, Ill., told Hill on the telephone yesterday he is willing to discuss the terms of a contract he submitted to the city commission Monday night.

City Atty. A.G. Preston, Jr., who presented the contract to the commission, said he was told it must be approved on-the-spot or the deal was dead.

The commission, however, objected to some of the terms of the contract and told Hill and Preston to see if they could negotiate the differences.

The block under consideration is bounded by Main, Ship, Court and Port streets. Olipra proposes to build a motel, gas station and restaurant on it.

The commissioners' biggest objection to the contract they viewed Monday night was the six-year construction time it proposed and the building of the gas station and restaurant before starting the motel.

Christmas Music On Air Tonight

A musical mood for Christmas will be beamed over the Twin Cities area tonight by the Benton Harbor public schools. A program of vocal and instrumental music will be heard over WJLB-FM, 7.8 o'clock, presented by music departments in elementary, junior high and senior high schools.



BORN ON LONELY ISLE: Captain Stephen Smith and his Danish-born wife, Ytta, hold their baby born on tiny Rum Cay in the Bahamas after their sailing ship went aground and broke up. The baby was born in a tent made from a sail. Captain Smith cut the baby's umbilical cord with his pocket knife and tied the cord with sail thread. The baby was born on Nov. 28 and just yesterday was released from the hospital at Nassau. (AP Wire-photo)

Your Donations Going To Work

Good Fellows Can Smile With Pride

Contributions slowed down today, but even so, the Good Fellow total is now over the \$4,300 mile post, and that's a lot of posts up the road from the original goal.

It's a good thing, though, that all of you Helpers have responded as you did and, we trust, will continue to do so for the rest of the week, because the appeal for assistance is a long sounding one.

"THANK YOU" NOTE

Speaking of appeals, we received our first "Thank you" note this morning. It comes from a woman in St. Joseph with some young boys to support.

Later in the week it may be possible to give the reader a fuller accounting in this regard.

The distribution of your money started Monday, first to the rural areas because of the distance involved, and then working back towards town.

First on the Helpers' list today is a long standing donor, Local 898 of the Carpenters Union. Its \$5 check became snarled in the Christmas mail, which is the reason for not



hearing from the boys before this.

Tosi's Restaurant boasts a pair of excellent cooks. Between flipping the steaks and otherwise keeping the customer happy, they run a football forecasting service, specializing in the pro games.

Last year they clobbered Ye Ed regularly.

BOUNCE OF FOOTBALL

This season the fortunes of war have reversed themselves or at least the show is not so one-sided as it was in '65.

Sunday they had us buried in that Green Bay tussle with the Rams, but in the final two minutes of the game L.A. came to life sufficiently to cover our point spread.

At their request the \$10 winnings go to this corner.

Ordinarily, we don't use this or the regular news columns to call attention to our editorial page.

There are exceptions to any rule and we urge your reading of the lead editorial in today's issue. It covers a point in this work which requires more space than is available here.

It's Early Christmas For Indians

GRAND CANYON, Ariz. (AP) — Christmas came early for the 125 members of the Havasupai Indian tribe who live deep inside Grand Canyon.

Three tons of gifts were parachuted into the gorge Tuesday from a C-47 transport plane flown by a volunteer pilot.

Two Killed

ZEELAND (AP) — Henry Boeve, 46, and Mrs. Myrtle Folkert, 46, both of Holland, were killed Tuesday when their car collided with a truck and ran into a ditch at a Zeeland intersection.

Settlement Hinted On JFK Book

Secret Talks Held With Magazine

NEW YORK (AP) — Mrs. John F. Kennedy and Look magazine appeared today to be approaching an agreement on her demands for exclusion of her personal recollections in the Kennedy book.

One high source said it is possible there may be an announcement today.

The same source said that efforts were being made to edit word-by-word author William Manchester's book, "The Death of a President," which is about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

"Look is making every effort to safeguard the personal feelings of Mrs. Kennedy," other sources said.

NEGOTIATIONS

Secret negotiations were held Tuesday in the offices of Cowles Communications, Inc., the publishers of Look, by top editors and Richard Goodwin, a former aide to President Kennedy who is acting as one of Mrs. Kennedy's advisers during the meeting aimed at settling the case out of court.

Another round of negotiations was set for today in hopes of effecting a settlement before Cowles and Harper & Row, publishers of the book, go into court Thursday to answer charges made by Mrs. Kennedy last Friday in her suit to block publication.

Attorneys for Mrs. Kennedy have drawn up a memorandum of law that they prepared for court today citing legal precedents for her suit and outlining the legal basis.

A hearing on the suit is scheduled for next Tuesday.

BOOK PUBLISHERS

It was reported that Harper & Row, which plans to bring out the 300,000-word book in hard cover next April, would be willing to go along with the changes hammered out by the Look representatives and Goodwin.

Look is going ahead with plans to publish a four-part, 60,000 word serialization of the book beginning in the issue scheduled to go on the newsstands Jan. 10.

While Look and Mrs. Kennedy appeared approaching an agreement, Don Congdon, literary agent for Manchester, said the author was determined to resist changes in the book demanded by Mrs. Kennedy, who alleges invasion of privacy and breach of agreement.

AUTHOR MAY BALK

"We've been talking a long time about phrasing," said one source in on the negotiations. "But don't forget it's Manchester's prose. He has the final word on what's going into it."

Manchester was understood to have been absent from Tuesday's meeting. It was said that he was being kept informed.

A source close to the Kennedy family said Mrs. Kennedy's main objections center on details dealing with the disposition, preparation and burial of her husband's body.

"Also," the source said, "she objects to the extent of the president's injuries, which is clinical, gruesome detail, and a couple of letters among other things."



EDWARD M. KENNEDY
Massachusetts senator telling TV audience he thinks Manchester book will be published.

Pare School Projects To \$24 Million

Estimated Cost Of BH Construction

Benton Harbor school planners last night approved guidelines which would peg the cost of a proposed construction program for the district at \$23,955,230.

The estimated cost does not include purchase and development of sites and other improvements in such areas as transportation headquarters and buildings and grounds department.

It represents unsuccessful attempts for nearly two months to whittle down the cost estimate of \$24,451,900, presented by architects last Nov. 1. That amount included purchase and development of sites.

The planners, meeting as a priority subgroup of their central committee, last night cited "a change of philosophy" in the proposed education package as the prime reason for the high cost estimate.

Among the changes approved as a guideline last night is the conversion of Benton Harbor junior high school to the district's administration center. This would necessitate construction of an additional middle school to house 600 students, who would have been served by the junior high school building.

MAIN GOALS

The following projects were presented as current guidelines last night:

Conversion of the Benton Harbor junior high school to the administration center, \$561,000; a new middle school for 600 students as a replacement to the present junior high, \$2,334,000; two new middle schools, each housing 900 students, \$3,750,000; remodeling Fairplain junior high school to house 600 students in a middle school, \$474,000.

Construction of a new high school for 1,500 students, \$8,980,000; addition to and renovation of the present high school to house 1,500 high school students, \$2,450,000; elementary school construction and renovations to

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Fraud Case Goes Back To 1964

Detroit Is First Accused To Be Tried

Eli Frank, first defendant to face trial in connection with the aluminum siding scandal of 1964, was convicted yesterday of uttering and publishing a fraudulent real estate mortgage.

The conviction followed months of investigation by Berrien prosecutor's office investigator Andrew Novikoff, authorizing of warrants by then prosecutor Ronald Lange, and a two-year wait before trial.

The six-man, six-woman jury deliberated only 30 minutes before bringing in the guilty verdict. Berrien Circuit Judge Karl F. Zick set bond at \$1,500 and Frank was jailed in lieu of payment. Judge Zick indicated Frank will be sentenced Jan. 6.

Seven witnesses, including Novikoff, the complaining witness, a state policeman and two men who also face charges in connection with the scandal, took the stand during the two-day trial.

WITNESS BALKS

One witness, Dan Flough, a Benton Harbor insurance agent, took the Fifth amendment and refused to testify.

One of the state's key witnesses was Harry DaLeure, St. Joseph, former All-Style Builders employee. Novikoff said DaLeure helped tie the case together for the prosecution and pinpoint Frank's connection with one of the siding firms.

DaLeure, Novikoff said, is charged on a technicality in the case, but has given law enforcement officers full cooperation. His charge stems from the fact that his name appears as a witness to one of the mortgages. Novikoff said DaLeure had only witnessed a contract after being assured it was legal. DaLeure had no part in obtaining any of the mortgages and quit working for All-Style when he learned what type of operation it was, Novikoff said.

Prosecutor John Hammond conducted the court case personally for his office. Frank was represented by Niles Attorney Charles LaSata.

ONE INSTANCE

Frank, 53, Detroit, was convicted in connection with a \$4,825.76 real estate mortgage signed by a Benton Harbor couple, William and Dorene Reese. He was charged with fraudulently obtaining the couple's signatures on the mortgage.

He also faces a conspiracy charge in connection with the same mortgage, along with three uttering and publishing, and three conspiracy charges in connection with other mortgages. He is charged in connection with a total of \$19,891.78

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NEW TROY

'Thanks' To Lunch Buyer

NEW TROY — L. B. Jannasch, principal of the New Troy campus of the River Valley schools, said he would like to "express a sincere thank you" to the person who anonymously donated money to the junior high school to cover the cost of lunches for ten students for a week.



ELI FRANK
Jury finds him guilty

New Buffalo 'Tax Hike' Was Error

Wrong Figure Used For Notices

By BILL RUMBLER
South Berrien Bureau

NEW BUFFALO — Those people who fell out of their chairs yesterday after getting their winter tax bill can relax now. A mistake was made, an honest mistake.

According to Mayor Albert Mayer, a tax of 9.699 was levied for operation of the public library instead of the correct one mill rate. Thus, the people of New Buffalo, some of whose taxes went up by \$15 to \$100, can expect a refund by mail if they already paid their taxes or to have their tax bill corrected when they go in to pay it. The refund should be equal to about nine or ten per cent of the amount of taxes paid, Mayer said.

One taxpayer who was assessed the extra millage in error was billed \$43 more than last year. Levied on a valuation of \$5,900, about average for the city, the house was taxed \$156 this year compared to \$113 last year.

When the whole thing is settled, Mayer said, the taxes of most residents should be lower than taxes paid in the summer. The mistake was made on the county level, he added.

The library tax in New Buffalo appears on the winter tax bill since cost of the library is shared with the township, whose taxes are collected in the winter.

Confusing the matter of the incorrect library assessment is the fact that the winter tax this year is based on state equalized valuation instead of assessed valuation as was the case last year when New Buffalo residents still paid taxes to the township.

SOME ADJUSTMENTS

This means, said City Assessor Bert Shedd, that regardless of the library levy mistake, some people's winter taxes are down and some up compared to last winter, depending on the individual piece of property.

The winter tax last year, Shedd explained, was determined by assessments made by the township supervisor. The winter tax this year was determined by Shedd using one-half the market price of property (state equalized valuation) as a guideline.

Differences in the judgment of the two persons accounts for the lowering or raising of winter taxes as compared to last winter.

This past summer's city taxes were levied on state equalized valuation, he added.

Hope's Wife 'Catches' Him For First Christmas In 25 Years

BANGKOK (Special) — I feel like a guy who got caught sneaking out of a motel at 2:00 a.m. in the morning — after leaving Los Angeles and flying 10,000 miles to this city of 12,000 pagodas, I stepped off the plane and walked smack into my wife. . . How's that for a switch.

This will be the first time in 25 years that we've spent Christmas together. The only other time we've ever visited together was a department store on bargain day.

Thailand is our staunchest ally in Southeast Asia and we're really putting their loyalty to the test — This is my third visit here. . . There has been a tremendous



Bob Hope

change in this city since I was first here two years ago, due mainly to its increasing popularity as a leave town for our men in Vietnam and the sizable buildup of our advisory forces in Thailand. In fact, downtown Bangkok is now like any American city: Everywhere you look, there are French restaurants, Japanese motorbikes, and German automobiles. . .

REAL BARGAIN

Bangkok offers wonderful bargains in jewelry and previous gems. I picked up a terrific buy today: A string of genuine pearls for \$2.75. . . The string turned out to be genuine.

We're here during the Asian games. At first I thought the Asian games was another name for dodging the traffic here, but I discovered it is a kind of regional Olympics for this part of the world.

Seriously, drivers here are really fierce. It's the first place

I've ever seen a two-ton truck scared off the road by a rickshaw and the little ole lady didn't even look back.

WELL INSURED

This is a seemingly happy city, bustling, purposeful, and going about its business. But behind the facade of gaiety and "business as usual" the feeling of conflict just around the corner is affecting the lives of everyone here.

We're just a couple of gallons of fuel's worth away from where the action is, but nobody in our little group is worried. We all feel especially secure, this trip, because Bill Graham is one jump ahead of us, and Cardinal Spellman is following along behind us. . . That's the kind of travel insurance I like.

50 pruned Christmas trees left, Box 910 Cleveland Ave., 1/2 mile So. of Hilltop Rd. Adv.

Celebrate T.G.I.F. with D.H. Boiler Makers Friday 4:30 at Travel Inn. Adv.

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Editorials

Smokey Speaks Out Again

Our acquaintance with horses is a limited one. It started out that way for the simple reason of not being brought up on a farm and in spite of what our friends now refer to as our advancing years, having been born at a time when the gasoline engine was powering Old Dobbin out of the picture as a locomotive force.

We never did understand horse racing and our closest approach to a track has been a few visits to the Allegan County Fair's harness races some years ago.

We did a few years ago during a summer tour of the western states essay a ride on an old plow from a corral maintained for the benefit of the tenderfeet, as the modern descendants of the old time cowboy refer to cash customers from east of the Mississippi.

She was a sweet nag even if she did back us into a tree when we gave the wrong pull on the reins and otherwise paid little attention to our commands as she lugged us through the appointed riding area.

Thus, our experience with man's noblest friend from the animal kingdom is limited to the hazy understanding that the horse is a handsome critter with beautifully appealing eyes which loves to nibble carrots and in the hands of knowledgeable people can be trained to perform many useful functions.

It seems, though, that some horses are exceptional beyond belief.

The other day we received a \$15 check for the Good Fellow fund in the name of Smokey the Horse.

Smokey now resides in Shoreham, not too far from his prior home on the Brown School Road.

The kids love him, however much some of the older people kick up their noses about equines being kept in St. Joe's immediate suburbia.

Some time ago a move to re-zone Smokey and his companions to another area fell down, but there's no telling when this particular fuse may be re-lit.

The remarkable thing about Smokey is that he can write. Inasmuch as the Good Fellow effort is dear to our heart and, we hope, those of all our readers, we thought this might be a good time and place to pass along Smokey's account of his doings since he wrote us last year in forwarding his G-F contribution.

Dere Editor (Th' Farmers Friend):

"Pardan mi bein late, butt lotts hez happend since I writ last seezun. I em now at a diffurunt place frum last yere. But I can't cumplane becuz my new landlord ez bettr t'me than the old one (more korn).

"I em livin in Shoreham now, n' eatin good. Shorty staid behind at th' old ranch n' Sneez went off to Fare Plane to take keer uv some kids which need lotts uv ridin."

"So I'm holdin th' fort till they get back, ef ever."

"Meanwhile, looks like ets upt t' me!"

"Here is th' dregs uv th' cookie jar fer th' cause uf th' Good Fellows. Ain't much, but ever little bit helps."

"Yrs fer bigger n' bette Xmases. Gotta go now. I hear Korn a' droppin in th' feed bin."

Happy New Year."

Smokey

(uv Shoreham)

We realize this must sound like so much horse whatyamaycallit, but the original is in the Good Fellow file for any Doubting Thomas to see for himself.

Good Fellow Helpers are welcome to examine the document for the edification of any and all skeptics.

Features

speaking of YOUR HEALTH

By Lester L. Coleman, M. D.

What is the safest way to pierce the ear lobes?

We in the practice of medicine are always amazed by the crude ways that the ears have been pierced without any complicating infection. As an ear doctor I am even more amazed by the frequency by which ears become infected even with sterile precautions.

Many mothers pierce the ears of children by heating a sewing needle and then penetrating the ear-lobe in infancy. This I do not recommend.

Some jewelers who sell pierced earrings throw in this "minor surgery" as part of the package deal. Frankly, I do not understand why this should not be classed as surgery and limited only to those who know about sterile precautions.

A new instrument was recently devised by Dr. Simon Coren of Attleboro, Mass. It is an automatic device which painlessly drives a sterile pin through the ear-lobe and leaves a gold-plated ring to keep the hole open.

I have an additional thought about pierced ears. Too often children, who are yet minors, will allow jewelers or other non-professional people to pierce their ears without the consent of the parents. When once it is done the parents have no choice but to accept the immature judgment and decision of their children.

I believe that there should be legislation to make ear piercing a minor surgical operation for which parental consent is necessary.

How can the annoying post-nasal drip be relieved?

Postnasal drip and catarrh are two vague terms which are used indiscriminately to describe some kind of sensation in the back of the nose. Usually, if the underlying cause is found the postnasal drip can be relieved. A chronic sinus infection or allergy may be the responsible reason.

Nasal douches are often beneficial. They should not, however, be used without the specific suggestion of the doctor.

These should especially be avoided during the time of a cold in the nose because of the possibility of spreading the infection to the ears.

A simple solution made by adding a teaspoonful of salt to a pint of warm water can cut down on the thick postnasal discharge. This solution may be used as a nasal spray a few times a day. Again, it should be emphasized that all sprays should be used only on the doctor's orders.

Can an overactive thyroid gland affect the heart?

The thyroid hormone manufactured in excess by thyroid gland can make the heart palpitate and beat at a very rapid rate. If this added pressure on the heart were to continue uncontrolled there is a possibility that some damage to the heart can result.

There are now many drugs and radioactive substances which can keep the thyroid gland within the normal range of activity and thus prevent the possibility of heart damage.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH—A skin mole that changes in size and in color must be immediately examined.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

THE HERALD-PRESS

EDITORIAL PAGE

Glancing Backwards—

HONOR SOCIETY NAMES ELEVEN

—Eleven high school students were initiated in the National Honor Society recently during a candlelight ceremony in the high school gymnasium.

Initiated were Monica Roberts, Pat Casey, Ron Smith, Jim Hemminger, Richard Bobb, all seniors; and Sharon Ender, Judy Hall, Barbara Genda, Sue Kushner, Karik Jannasch, and Allan Smith.

NEW PASTOR AT SAWYER

—10 Years Ago—

The Rev. Reuben L. Anderson

will be the new pastor of Sawyer Highland Baptist church, assuming his duties Dec. 30, it was announced today. He is a former missionary, having served in Africa for a number of years.

On Friday evening, Jan. 4, the church members will welcome the new pastor.

DEFENSE MEETING THIS EVENING

—35 Years Ago—

Member of St. Joseph post, American Legion, and auxiliary will meet at Memorial hall at 8 o'clock to meet on Friday night to formulate plans for their participation in civilian defense.

Robert H. Ludwig, local coordinator of defense bond committees, will be one of the speakers together with Walter Laetz, civilian defense coordinator. Fire Chief Hudson Mitchell and Chief of Police Ben Phairas will also be present.

NEED CLOTHING

—35 Years Ago—

The St. Joseph Welfare association is making an urgent appeal for children's clothing, according to Mrs. A.L. West, welfare director. More toys are needed too for the Christmas baskets.

THREE REMAIN

—45 Years Ago—

The local coast guard will go on winter schedule at midnight, Dec. 21, with only three men on duty for the remainder of the winter. The entire crew will report for work the first of March.

Uncasy Partnership

During the past few years, a revolution has occurred in government — industry relations. It is a revolution that is far reaching, and no one can as yet determine the outcome.

Until a few years ago, industry and business, in keeping with the historical American trait of exhibiting wariness toward the assumption of too much power by "public servants", looked upon government as merely a necessary evil and at best an "umpire". In the depths of the great depression of the thirties, when government began to assume a more dominant role in the life of the nation, leaders in business and industry fought as best they could against what they believed to be the introduction of an alien philosophy in the United States, socialism. Rising taxes, soaring government expenditures and big government became issues that gave rise to fear on the part, not only of businessmen, but millions of citizens that we were drawing away from American ideals of private initiative under limited government.

Now, almost overnight, these issues seem to have gone into the background. Seldom do we hear of government as an "umpire". It has become a partner. A quiet revolution has been consummated and businessmen, many of whom have served in government in one capacity or another, are doing their part to help make the partnership work.

Not long ago, the Business Council, an organization of corporate executives, whose membership reads almost like a roll call of the 100 largest corporations, concluded a meeting. While there was fear expressed of the dangers of "big government" spending and "waste in government" there also appeared to be sympathy for the President and his problems. In like vein, there was recognition of the political difficulty of cutting the budget.

A top industrial executive stated: "There can no longer be any question as to whether or not these two groups (government and business) can or will work together; they must work together. The vast changes that are sweeping our nation make cooperation a necessity." He went on to outline one important area in which government and business must of necessity cooperate, air and water pollution.

Taken by itself, all of this would seem to indicate that the revolution in government-business relations has been an unqualified success. Nothing could be further from the truth for a number of very good reasons. Most important of these is the grim fact that in the long sweep of history the ascendancy of governmental superiority has but one ending, political oppression. The founders of our nation never intended that the federal government should assume the role it is playing today, a role that is not unlike historical precedents that have led to the decline of nations.

Today, in many instances, government agencies and bureaus are steadily expanding in competition with private citizens. In other cases, whole industries have been singled out for punitive attack and regulation. A classic example is the ethical drug industry. Recently a government bureau accused a substantial portion of the industry of advertising violations, when in reality the actual percentage of violations was so small as to make the accusations false.

Another government agency is setting out to control so-called monopoly by limiting promotion and advertising expenditures of business firms. This is one step short of press censorship.

All along the line, restrictions and controls are impending that if enacted and enforced would work another revolution in government-business relations, a revolution that could well be the final step from "umpire" to "partner" to "master".

There are men of sincerity in both government and industry. They recognize that both government and private enterprise have important parts to play in the life of the nation and the preservation of liberty. They recognize that animosity is self-defeating.

THE FAMILY LAWYER

Legally 'OK'

Williams decided he did not need that air conditioning system for his office after all. But the manufacturer insisted: "You have already confirmed the order."

"It is true that I marked an 'OK' on the order form," conceded Williams. "But that is not legally binding. 'OK' is just an abbreviation, not formal enough for a written contract."

Nevertheless, in a court test, the judge held Williams bound by his agreement. The judge said that, if "OK" is not elegant English, its meaning is clear — and clarity is what counts.

By and large, the law takes a tolerant view of abbreviations. For the purpose of language, whether formal or informal, is communication. If the abbreviated form succeeds in that purpose, then the law is usually satisfied.

Thus: a receipt by a bank president was held valid, even though he designated himself as "pres."; a promissory note signed "W.G.S." was held valid, because it was clear whom the initials stood for; and "3/7/54" was held a sufficient substitute for March 7, 1954, in establishing the date of a transaction.

What about nicknames? They, too, are generally acceptable if there is no doubt of identity.

For instance, a bequest to "my dear Joe" was upheld when there was only a single Joe whom the deceased could possibly have meant. "Jack" has been held an acceptable substitute for John, and "Geo." for George.

But a short form that leaves room for doubt can be costly. "Emma" was held too different to pass for Emily, and so was "May" for Mary.

In one case, a man who sold a truck used a three-letter abbreviation on the bill of sale to identify the model. But he failed to add the model year. The buyer later sued him, successfully, on the ground that he had not been properly informed as to what model he was getting.

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TRY AND STOP ME

By BENNETT CERF

An artist whose paintings are attracting more and more attention these days specializes in canvases of wild storms at sea, oncoming hurricanes, and the like. A young female student came to his one-man show in Cleveland recently, recognized him from the newspaper pictures, and came over to him: "I think you're wonderful—but what a shame you've had such rotten luck with the weather!"

Joseph Love, of Dallas, writes about a well-known egg producer, who breathed his last some time ago. Faithful to a deathbed promise, his sons placed on his breast, before closing the casket, a one-dozen box of Grade AA-large. Remarkable a lifelong friend at the funeral, "That's old John for you: always wanting egg in his bier."

QUICKIES:

Advice to wives by matrimonial expert Francis Duffy: the next time your husband complains about a necktie you've picked out for him, give him a sock!

Visitor: "What happened to the burglars who broke into your house last night?" Homeowner: "My wife's relatives hollered 'WE were here first' and chased them out."

A New Yorker scout was within earshot when a customer asked the proprietress of a seashore resort news kiosk, "Do you have any surfing magazines?" She nodded cheerfully and produced a copy of The Atlantic Monthly.

today's GRAB BAG...

By Ruth Ramsey, Central Press Writer

THE ANSWER, QUICK!

1. Who wrote "The Meaning of Meaning"?

2. What is slang?

3. To what does the term Semitic refer?

4. To what linguistic stock does English belong?

5. To what linguistic stock does Hungarian belong?

IT'S BEEN SAID

If you would not step into the harlot's house, do not go by the harlot's door. — Seeker.

BORN TODAY

Benjamin Disraeli, 1st earl of Beaconsfield, English statesman and novelist, was born in London in 1804. He represented the third generation of Disraelis to live in England and his father, an Orthodox Jew, permitted him to be baptized and educated a Christian to bypass current laws.

He began his career as a novelist, but soon switched to politics. In 1847 he became a member of Parliament, and nine years and a dozen books (mostly with political themes) later, he was leader of the Tory Protectionists. In 1852 he became Chancellor of Exchequer and a leader in the House of Commons. Finally, in February, 1868, he became prime minister, but resigned ten months later because of increasing hostility toward him.

In 1874, Disraeli began his second premiership, this one to last until 1880. He reformed public health and industrial legislation, brought about the annexation of the Fiji Islands and the Transvaal, secured British interests in the Mediterranean by purchasing controlling shares of Suez Canal stock, and delighted Queen Victoria by having her crowned Empress of India. She, in return, made Disraeli an earl.

At the Congress of Berlin (1878) his maneuvers reduced Russian power in the Balkans, but the Afghan and Zulu Wars of 1878-79 were unpopular, and Gladstone returned to power in 1880.

Others born this day include former Soviet dictator Josef Stalin, a author Albert Payson Terhune, actress Jan Fonda, astrophysicist Ira S. Bowen and golfer Walter Hagen.

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1944, horse racing was banned in the United States for the duration of World War II.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

JOURNALIST — (JUR-nel-ist) — noun; one engaged in journalism.

YOUR FUTURE

Take care of your correspondence and the conduct of business. Today's child will be socially-minded.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT

1. Charles Kay Ogden and Ivor A. Richards.

2. Colloquial language outside of conventional usage.

3. A family of languages.

4. Indo-European.

5. Finno-Urgic.

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BENTON SETS NEW TAX VOTE FOR MARCH 14



SANTA'S PACKING HOUSE: Part of the Salvation Army citadel appears in joyful disarray as volunteers pack toys that will go to good girls and boys as part of the Benton Harbor Good Fellow fund movement. Toys are packed according to age and number of children in family that receives them. They came from

Moose toy drive and other sources. Giving a hand to Santa (left to right) are Mrs. Clem Haney, Mrs. Charles Chronister, Mrs. Wanda Thompson, Mrs. Earl Ferrier, Mrs. Bill Carroll, Dewey Purnell, James Wheeler and Mrs. Charles Duskint. (Staff photo)

Inter-City Bank Execs Shuffled

Fletcher, Gardner Are Retiring

Four major promotions, a transfer and two retirements among personnel of Inter-City bank were announced this morning by Bank President Eitel O. Eberhardt, all effective as of Jan. 1.

These major shifts were approved at the meeting of the bank's board of directors Tuesday in Benton Harbor. During the board meeting, a long-time director, Jack Gardner of Benton Harbor, submitted his resignation from the bank's governing unit.

James Murphy, 36, a vice president now managing the Buchanan branch, was transferred to management of the Wall Street (downtown Benton Harbor) branch to succeed William Fletcher, 59, cashier and vice president, who is retiring. Fletcher will end 32 years of service. He and his wife, Edna, are residents of the Sister Lakes area.

Promoted to vice president and put in charge of the Buchanan branch office will be Dan Smith, 31, who currently is a second vice president and assistant branch manager. Another promotion to vice president went to John Reitz, who is in charge of the bank's computer services at the River-view office in Benton Harbor.

Named to the office of cashier is Jon Carson, 46, who will also retain his present duties as director of personnel. He is assigned to the Riverview drive



JAMES MURPHY
Heads Wall St. branch



WILLIAM FLETCHER
Retiring



DAN SMITH
New vice president



RAY ST. PIERRE
Director of marketing



JOHN REITZ
New vice president



JON CARSON
New cashier

eight years before joining ICB in 1965. He and his family live at 4200 Lincoln avenue, St. Joseph.

St. Pierre began his banking career with the old Benton Harbor State bank in 1953. He lives with his wife, Phyllis, and their two small children at 970 Broadway, Benton Harbor.

its merger with the Benton Harbor State bank to become the Inter-City bank. He is married and lives with his wife and two children in Buchanan.

BH Driver Goes Astray

Benton Harbor police reported that an auto early this morning went out of control on Pavone street, ramming a tree, fence and a porch in the 1000 block.

Patrolman Hermand Pollard, called to the scene at 1 a. m., said the driver, Dixie Lee Johnson, 24, of 743 Pavone street, was not injured. Pollard reported that the auto went out of control and struck a tree and then veered across the street, ramming a porch at the home of Ben Boyd, 1041 Pavone. Pollard said the vehicle then struck two fences and a small tree at the home of Emma Benedix, 1025 Pavone. The driver was cited for reckless driving, Pollard reported.

Three Mills For Police, Fire Units

Better Package Than Before, Says Wilder

Benton township voters will go to the polls next March 14 to ballot on a three-mill hike in property taxes for police and fire protection.

The township board set the millage election date last night, noting that the new proposal differs from one defeated last August by specifying police and fire will each get 1.5 mills.

This would mean about \$90,000 annually for each department, said Supervisor Ray Wilder.

The vote setting March 14 was unanimous of all members present. Clerk Ron Taylor was absent with an illness.

"We think we've got a package here our people will approve," Wilder said. "Certainly police and fire protection are a drastic necessity."

The extra \$180,000 a year wouldn't be enough to operate both departments, he added, but hopefully other revenues will pay the balance.

"Of course we will spend more than this year, and have for several years, but we hope the sales tax will be enough to supplement it."

NARROWLY DEFEATED
A three-mill hike in operating taxes was defeated, 540 to 509 last August.

One mill is presently allocated for the township's operating expenses, which helps pay fire and police.

The proposed levy would run for five years.

If approved, the new millage hike will go on tax statements in December of 1967.

The election was proposed for

High School Dance Set On Friday

BLOOMINGDALE — The Bloomingdale high school Student Commission will hold a semi-formal dance Friday in the high school gym from 8 to 11 p.m.

John Stipes' orchestra from Kalamazoo will perform for the dance. Alumni are invited.

The student committee responsible for the dance is composed of Nancy Blanchard, Gordon Shaw, Frank Alfieri, Sandy Krezman and Jane Fox. Faculty chaperones are Jack Schilts and Robert Irwin.



ROBERT ELLIS

Plans No Busman's Holiday

S. J. School Transportation Chief Retiring

After traveling 167,000 miles on the job in the past five years, Robert Ellis is planning on taking a really big trip.

The mileage is what Ellis has logged driving St. Joseph students to and from schools, to basketball games, band concerts and other events.

He is retiring Dec. 31 as transportation superintendent of St. Joseph public schools and will mark time until next June. That's when his wife, Irene, will retire as a sixth grade teacher at Fairplain East school. Then Mr. and Mrs. Ellis will do some traveling together.

When Ellis started driving a bus for the schools in 1961, the system had seven buses and transported 420 students daily. He was named transportation superintendent the next year and directed expansion of the system to 25 buses making 120 runs a day and transporting 2,100 students. He was responsible for bus scheduling, stops, and special trips.

School bus drivers honored Ellis last week at a dinner at Inman's and presented a gold watch to him, so he'll be just as punctual in retirement as he has been on bus runs.

Ellis, 66, lives at 329 Kingsley avenue. He's sure of one thing, none of his trips in retirement will be by bus.

Twin Cities Jaycees Say Thanks

Members of the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph Jaycees voiced appreciation to citizens who worked toward the success of their Operation Santa Claus project to raise money for over shoes for needy children in the area.

Tony Gargano, a member of the Benton Harbor Jaycees, who headed the Operation Santa Claus committee, said efforts included members of the Twin Cities Citizen Band clubs.

VISIT IN GARY

SAWYER — Mrs. Rose Gast recently accompanied Mrs. June Coleman to Chicago and Gary, Ind., where they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Coleman.

FOODS for your CHRISTMAS FEAST

<p>RATH BLACKHAWK SLICED Bacon lb. 69¢</p> <p>PATRICK CUDAHY Canned Hams</p> <p>3 Lbs. \$2.98</p> <p>5 Lbs. \$4.98</p> <p>7 Lbs. \$6.69</p> <p>10 Lbs. 8.98</p> <p>Turkeys</p> <p>Hens 14-15 Lbs. 43¢ lb.</p> <p>Toms Over 18 Lbs. 39¢ lb.</p> <p>WEBER OR SILVERCUP Brown-'n-Serve Rolls . . 49¢</p> <p>SPARTAN Fruit Cocktail 5 15½ Cans \$1</p>	<p>RATH SMOKED FULLY COOKED HAMS</p> <p>Whole or Shank Half . . lb. 59¢</p> <p>Butt Half lb. 63¢</p> <p>Center Cut Slices lb. 89¢</p>	<p>SWIFT'S PARKLANE VANILLA Ice Cream Gal. 89¢</p> <p>TAYLOR'S SWEET Potatoes . 2 1 lb. 1 Oz. Cans 49¢</p> <p>SPARTAN Mixed Nuts . . 13 Oz. Can 59¢</p> <p>LARGE HEAD Lettuce Ea. 19¢</p> <p>RED TOKAY Grapes lb. 19¢</p> <p>GOLDEN RIPE Bananas lb. 10¢</p>
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Merry Christmas

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Bears Rally For 62-60 Triumph Over Bucks

Score Last 7 Points In Wild Finish

By JAKE SHUBINSKI
Staff Sports Writer

The St. Joseph Bears gave Coach Whitey Riemersma an early Christmas present Tuesday night in the St. Joseph gym.

The gift was appreciated but the manner in which the Bears made the presentation left a little to be desired as Riemersma saw his club come from five points down with 87 seconds left to play for a 62-60 win over

the Buchanan Bucks.

It was one of the wildest finishes staged by the Bears in a long time as the St. Joseph club used free throws, including one made as the result of a technical foul, for the triumph.

With just under two minutes left in the game, Bill Rauch completed Buchanan's scoring for the night with a layup to give the Bucks a 60-55 lead.

Don Ellis' rebound basket and a pair of free throws by Dick

Cox with 1:04 left cut Buchanan's lead to 60-59.

The Bucks put the ball in play and were in the process of trying to run out the clock when Cox and Chuck Radde combined to steal the ball from Francis Brown.

Radde ended up with the ball and drove for the basket with Jim Rumsey close behind. Radde slowed down for the layup and Rumsey drove him into the wall trying to break up the play.

Radde had two shots coming, but before officials Ray and Dillard Crocker could line the two clubs up for the free throw, Ray had called a technical foul on Brown for his continued protesting of the call.

The clock showed 50 seconds left when Radde stepped to the line for his first free throw, which he made to tie the game at 60-60.

His second was no good but Cox sank what proved to be the winning point on the technical, giving the Bears a 61-60 lead.

The Bears got the ball out of bounds and tried to run the clock but Cox was tied up by Hayward Miller with 24 seconds left.

Buchanan got a shot off with 17 seconds to play but missed and Cox was fouled by Bill Rauch in the mad scramble under the basket. Cox hit the first of his one-and-one shot to end the scoring for the night.

The Bucks still had a chance to at least tie the game as Cox picked up his fifth foul with eight seconds left while Rumsey was in the act of shooting.

Rumsey, missed both shots giving him an 0-for-6 record at the charity line in the fourth period.

The rebound was taken by Dale Kugle who was then fouled with one second left. The foul was ruled intentional and Kugle missed both his free throws. The game ended as the ball hit the hands of a Buchanan rebounder.

Fouls were the downfall of coach Ray Berry's crew, who watched the Bears beat his Bucks for the sixth straight time.

A total of 25 infractions were called against the Bucks giving the Bears 34 chances at the free throw line, 24 of which they hit. This overcame a 25-19 edge in field goals held by the Bucks.

The fouls cost the Bucks the services of Rauch, their talented center, for much of the second half as he was charged with four in the first 18 minutes of play. By halftime he had scored eight points to lead his club in that department.

St. Joseph played catch-up most of the night. The Bears got themselves in a hole early as the Bucks raced to a 7-0 lead with the game just 80 seconds old.

With less than two minutes left in the half, Buchanan held a 32-19 lead but before the Bucks scored again, two minutes deep in the third period, the Bears had tallied 17 straight points to take a 36-32 lead.

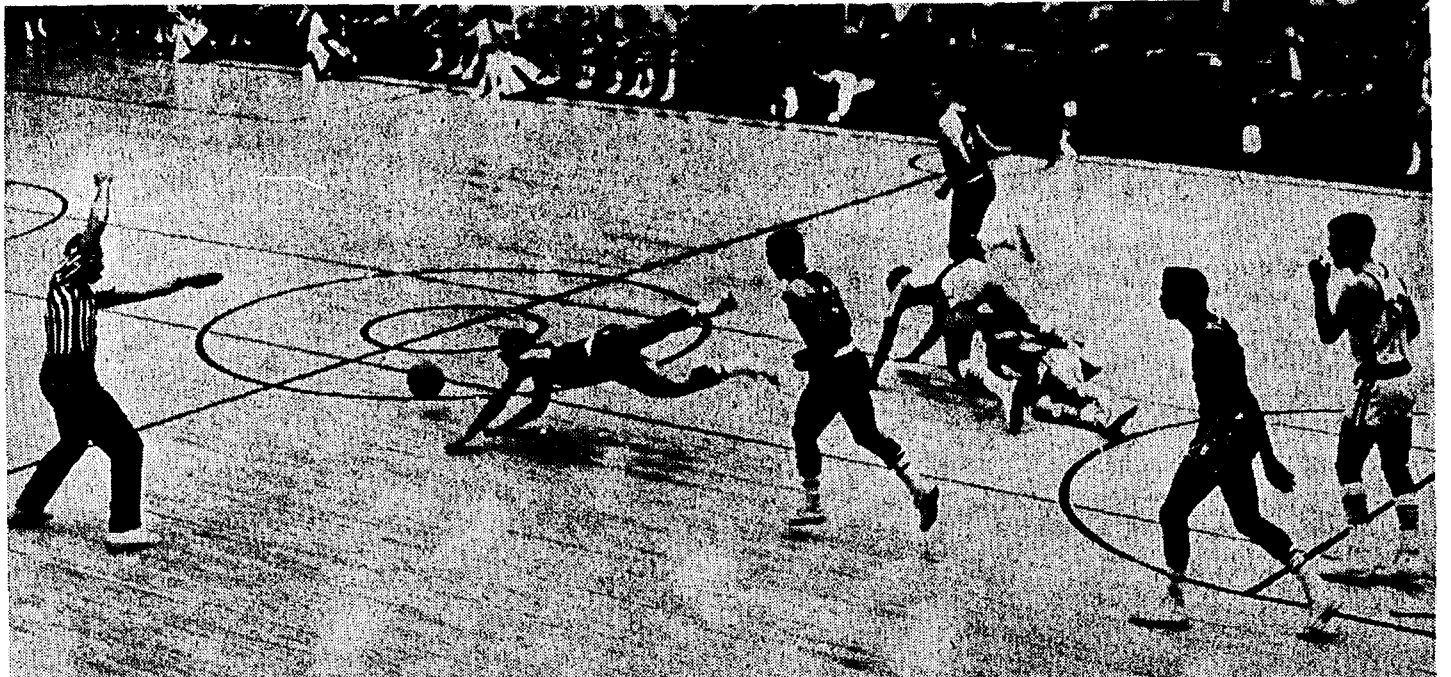
Buchanan came back to tie it at 36-36 and the score was deadlocked at 40-40 before the Bucks moved into a lead they kept until a 17-foot shot by Mark Witkowski put the Bears in a tie, 53-53, with five minutes left.

It was three minutes before St. Joseph scored again and by the time Don Ellis hit two free throws, the Bucks had gone into a 58-53 lead.

Radde kept the Bears in the game with his fast break layups and his outcourt shooting. By the time the third period was over he had 24 points to his credit.

The Bucks had the boards in the early stages but once the Bears started to rebound, they also started to run. Radde would wait at mid-court then break for the basket to score on long passes from his teammates.

St. Joseph rebounding continues to be its strong point as



WHO, ME?: Buchanan's Pat Sexton does a two-point landing and at the same time looks up in disbelief as referee Ray Crocker charges him with a foul in Tuesday night's St. Joseph-Buchanan game. Sexton had stolen the ball from the two St. Joseph players

who have lost their footing and are on the hardwood between Jim Rumsey (31) and Bill Rauch (41). St. Joseph's Don Ellis (52) and Buchanan's Hayward Miller watch the play. (Staff photo)

Galien Wins 5th Straight

Watervliet Losing Streak Extended By Gaels

GALIEN—Galien's winning streak and Watervliet's losing streaks are still alive after the Gaels' 74-57 Red Arrow conference victory over the Panthers here Tuesday night.

Goss Nets 38, Chiefs Still Lose

STURGIS—A charging foul with six seconds remaining in the game spelled the difference between victory and defeat for the Dowagiac Chiefs here Tuesday night.

Dowagiac trailed 76-75 as Jim Goss, who had tallied 38 points during the evening, drove toward the basket. If he had made the shot, the Chiefs would have had a one-point lead. But Goss was called for charging and went out of the game with five fouls.

The Chiefs had to foul to get the ball, and Sturgis picked up another point at the free throw line before the game ended.

The loss was the fourth this season and the eighth in a row for Dowagiac.

But Chieftain mentor Jim Conrad isn't discouraged. "The boys really hustled tonight. If they play like this the rest of the season, we ought to win half our games."

The contest was close all the way and was tied seven times. Dowagiac led 38-37 at halftime and stretched the margin to 56-52 going into the final period.

But while Goss was on the bench after picking up four fouls, the taller Sturgis squad surged and took a five-point lead. The Chiefs battled back and had a one-point lead at one time during the final minute of play.

Goss hit from all over the court, banging in 16 field goals and six charity shots. Vern Davis chipped in with 10 points for the Chiefs.

Sturgis, which is now 5-1 for the season, was led by Norm Horning with 18 points and Bob Snyder with 16.

Dowagiac hit at nearly a 50 per cent clip, connecting on 31 of 63 field goal attempts. Goss and Sam Macon led the Chiefs on the boards with 13 rebounds apiece.

Dowagiac's junior varsity won its second straight game in the preliminary, 66-61.

Dowagiac (75)	Sturgis (77)
G P F	G P F
Davis, J.	3 13 20
Goss, J.	16 6 5
Griffis, G.	7 3 3
Murphy, G.	3 2 3
Wilson, G.	1 0 3
Macon, S.	1 0 3
TOTALS	31 13 19
SCORE BY QUARTERS	16 22 19 10
Sturgis	16 21 15 25

Alma Falls, 67-46
SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — Ted Fields netched 17 points as San Diego bumped Alma 67-46 in the first round of the California Western Basketball Tournament Tuesday night.
Alma, now 2-5, trailed 32-21 at the half. Gordon Hetrick scored 11 points for Alma and teammate Ron Sober added 10.

St. Joseph (62)	Buchanan (60)
G P F	G P F
Ellis, D.	2 2 2
Witkowski, M.	4 3 0
Cox, C.	10 5 2
Radde, C.	10 5 2
Cox, G.	2 5 5
Henson, D.	0 1 1
Kugle, D.	0 1 1
Plesky, J.	0 0 0
Reed, C.	0 0 0
TOTALS	25 15 15
SCORE BY QUARTERS	12 15 12 9
St. Joseph	12 15 12 9
Buchanan	12 15 12 9
Officials: Ray and Dillard Crocker (both of Niles)	

Decatur Free Shots Sink Irish



REBOUND BATTLE: Decatur's Al Slaughter (24) and Bill Flood (34) of St. John's both have a hand on the ball as they battle for a rebound during Tuesday night's game at Decatur. Decatur's Bruce Abshagen is also reaching for the ball as Dan Driscoll and Wayne Demchinski of St. John's and Ed Vliek (40) and Terry Newell (22) of Decatur look on. Decatur won, 83-73. (Staff photo)

Two Players: 73 Points

Don Kalisiak Scores 40 For Gobles; Marconi Nets 33 For Lawrence

LAWRENCE — Lawrence and Gobles combined for 146 points here Tuesday night and two players, Don Kalisiak of Gobles and John Marconi of Lawrence, accounted for exactly half that total.

Gobles won the game, 77-69, but the fans left the gym talking about the scoring duel between Kalisiak, who scored 40, and Marconi, who totaled 33.

Kalisiak netted his on 16 field goals and eight free throws. He took 27 shots to register the 16 field goals and nine free throws.

Marconi, who led all southwestern Michigan players in scoring last season, ran his current season total to 128 points while Kalisiak has now tallied 108.

While Marconi spread his points out through the entire game, Kalisiak made 18 of his

in the last period on six field goals and six free throws.

These 18 points helped Gobles break a 49-49 tie that existed when the two clubs went into the final period during which Lawrence was outscored, 28-20.

The 40 points by Kalisiak was a new Gobles individual record. He broke his own record of 39 set against Lawton last season.

Mark Clement and Joe Capps scored enough points to lead their respective teams on a normal night. Clement netted 21 for Gobles and Capps got 19 for Lawrence.

Gobles finished with a 40 per cent shooting average hitting 28 field goals in 70 attempts. Lawrence was good on 25 of 71 shots for 33 per cent.

Lawrence, with Marconi getting 19 and Larry Jacobs 14, held a 43-42 edge in rebounding. Mark Clement totaled 18

for Gobles.

The victory was the second in five starts for Gobles while Lawrence dropped its third game in five outings. Both teams have faced only Al-Van league foes.

Lawrence won the junior varsity game, 67-47. Len Streffling with 26 points and Carl Beridon with 20 paced the winners. Gary Myers had 19 for Gobles.

Gobles (77)	Lawrence (69)
G P F	G P F
Peterson, J.	0 0 4
Brown, J.	2 1 5
M. Clement, C.	8 5 2
C. Clement, G.	2 7 1
D. Kalisiak, G.	16 8 5
Barber, G.	0 0 3
Champion, G.	0 0 0
TOTALS	28 21 20
SCORE BY QUARTERS	21 15 12 28
Gobles	21 15 12 28
Lawrence	12 20 17 20
Officials: Hank D'Agostino (Renton Harbor) John O'Connor (Watervliet).	

First Career Win For Raider Coach

By PHIL SMITH
Staff Sports Writer

DECATUR — Would you believe a high school basketball team making 39 out of 48 free throws in one game?

That's what Decatur's Raiders did here Tuesday night, and the result was the first career victory for young Raider mentor Al Snyder as a varsity coach.

The Raiders used a hot start and the sensational free throw shooting to stave off St. John's, 83-73, and end the Irish win skein at three straight.

In three previous games this season, the Raiders had jumped off to early leads only to end up on the short end of the score. It appeared for a while in the third period that the same thing might happen again, but St. John's couldn't hit from the floor when it had easy opportunities, and the Raiders just couldn't miss at the charity line.

Fifty-five fouls were called in the wild and woolly contest, 29 against St. John's. And before it was over, two Irish players were out of the game with injuries. Forward John Cheevers broke his thumb in a fall just before halftime and center Ed Polstin suffered a cut over his right eye late in the final period.

While Decatur was hitting free throws at an 81 per cent clip, St. John's was having by far its poorest night of the season at the charity line. The Irish, who had averaged 65 per cent at the free throw line in four previous games, could make just 15 of 34.

St. John's got off to a slow start, and Decatur took advantage of it by connecting on six of its first eight shots from the field for a 12-3 lead before the game was three minutes old.

St. John's cut the margin to 20-16 by the end of the quarter, but then hit a long dry spell in which they made just one field goal and missed six of nine free throws while Decatur stretched the margin to 29-21.

Irish coach Al Hess benched his starters at this point and reserves cut the margin to 33-29 when Ray Darato hit on two free throws and a driving layup, and John Cheevers connected from the side.

But once again the Irish went cold from the floor. They didn't hit a field goal during the final three minutes of the half and Decatur had spurts of five and eight points to take a commanding 48-32 halftime lead.

The Irish were a different ball club when they came back on the floor. In two minutes and 40 seconds they scored six baskets to cut the margin to 50-44.

Two baskets by Bill Flood cut the margin to 54-49 before the Raiders finally scored from the field after missing their first six attempts. But then the Raiders hit for three baskets in a row, two by Bruce Abshagen,

to make it 59-49.

The Irish had missed on some good scoring chances while Decatur hit on six straight free throws and a fast break layup by Bob Vliek to make it 67-54 at the end of the third quarter.

St. John's never got closer than eight points the rest of the way despite the fact that Decatur was a dismal one-for-18 from the field in the fourth quarter. But St. John's had to foul to get possession of the ball, and the Raiders put in 14 of 19 free throw attempts.

Five players hit in double figures for the Raiders. Terry Newell led the way with 20, followed by Bob Vliek with 17, Al Slaughter and Bruce Abshagen with 13 apiece and Ed Vliek with 11.

Center Bill Flood was the big man for St. John's as he hit for 20 points before fouling out, mostly on close-in shots or tap-ins. Irish scoring leader Terry Mandarino was held to eight points and fouled out with 5:10 left in the game.

Decatur had a 51-37 rebounding edge as Ed Vliek pulled down 14, Slaughter 11 and Newell 10. Flood led St. John's with nine.

St. John's took 91 shots to 65 for Decatur, but hit on just 29 for a 319 mark to 338 for Decatur. St. John's made just three of 25 shots in the second period, while the Raiders hit on 17 of 33 attempts in the first half.

St. John's junior varsity broke a three-game losing streak in the preliminary, winning 71-57. Terry Eiter and Mark Wier led the Irish with 23 and 21 points respectively. Mark High (allied 18 and Lonnie Robinson 13 for the losers).

St. John's is now 3-2 and Decatur 1-3 as the teams head into the holiday break. The Raiders' next game is January 6 against New Buffalo, while the Irish return to action the next night, hosting Hartford.

Decatur (83)	St. John's (73)
G P F	G P F
E. Vliek, J.	2 7 4
Slaughter, C.	5 3 2
G. Abshagen, G.	5 2 5
R. Vliek, G.	2 7 5
Newell, J.	1 1 2
B. Abshagen, G.	3 7 4
Thomas, J.	1 1 1
Leffer, J.	0 0 1
TOTALS	22 39 26
SCORE BY QUARTERS	20 28 19 16
Decatur	20 28 19 16
St. John's	16 22 19 17
Officials: Dittmer and Prander (both of Bette Creek).	

NBA Standings

Philadelphia	Won	Lost	Pct.	Behind
Philadelphia	20	3	.869	—
Boston	23	7	.767	5
New York	15	18	.455	14 1/2
Cincinnati	12	17	.414	18 1/2
Baltimore	8	25	.242	24 1/2
Western Division				
San Francisco	21	11	.656	—
St. Louis	12	17	.414	7 1/2
Detroit	13	19	.405	8
Los Angeles	12	19	.387	8 1/2
Chicago	13	22	.371	9 1/2
Tuesday's Results				
Boston 116, Detroit 113, overtime				
San Francisco 130, Los Angeles 107				

